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National News at a glance

Black Civil Rights Groups Commend Clinton on Change for Haiti: The Baltimore-based National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) complimented the Clinton Administration for its policy shift on Haitian refugees and its naming of ex-Rep. William F. Gray, Jr. as its special envoy to Haiti. "The administration has taken a positive first step in advancing the struggle for democracy in Haiti," said NAACP Executive Director Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. The new policy gives Haitians a chance to apply for U.S. political asylum at sea instead of automatically returning them. The refugees must still prove they are political refugees, not economic refugees. But they can now make their claim aboard U.S.-owned or leased ships or at processing centers in third countries. Southern Christian Leadership Conference head, Rev. Joseph Lowery, also commended Clinton and his selection of Bill Gray.—BALTIMORE, MD

African-American Children at High Risk of Preventable Diseases: The National Immunization Campaign is urging the nation not to wait for health care reform to address underimmunization and points to local efforts nationwide to show what works to overcome barriers to immunization and create a more effective health service delivery system. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention although immunization rates have risen in most communities, they are still between 45 to 70 percent with rates as low as 20 percent in some urban areas. As a result, there is a resurgence of childhood disease which threatens the health of children of all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups. The National Immunization Campaign, sponsored by the Children's Action Network, is working with 15 target city coalitions and other communities that are implementing a multi-faceted strategy to eliminate barriers to care by increasing community involvement and educating families and linking them to medical and health services.—WASHINGTON, DC

Eight Percent of Grade-School Children are Left Home Alone: About 1.6 million children comprising eight percent of grade school children of employed mothers came home to empty houses in 1991, according to a U.S. Census Bureau report, "Who's Minding the Kids? Child Care Arrangements: Fall 1991." The report said nearly one-third of the children were 5 to 11 years-olds, while the remaining two-thirds were aged 12 to 14. An estimated \$21.8 billion was spent on child care in 1991. Families paying for child care spent an average of \$63.30 per week in 1991.—WASHINGTON, DC

Study says New Government Employees Needed for Clinton Health Plan: A study done under the direction of a former Office of Management and Budget official concludes that President Clinton's Health Security Act would require \$5,623 new state employees, 11,123 new federal employees, and 31,400 new workers for regional alliances. Copies of the study summary can be obtained from Ann Moritz at The National Center for Public Policy Research (202) 543-1286.—WASHINGTON, DC

Black Women's Political Group Call for African-American Woman on Supreme Court: Dr. C. Delores Tucker, National Chair of the National Political Congress of Black Women, Congressional Women's Caucus, College of Chicago and Barbara Rose Collins of Detroit, recently convened a Capitol Hill press conference to urge President Clinton to appoint an African American woman to the Supreme Court. Dr. Tucker stated to the group that, "Women are 53 percent of the population and should have no less than four seats on the Supreme Court." She also stated that African American women gave Clinton 86 percent of their vote—higher than any other group.—CHICAGO, IL

Arkansas State Press celebrates 30 years: The Little Rock-based Arkansas State Press newspaper celebrates its 30th year of publishing in May. Started by Mr. L.C. Bates and his wife, Daisy, who gained national fame for her role in the school desegregation crisis of Central High School in 1957, the black-oriented newspaper is now published by Keamey Publishing Inc. Janette Keamey is its current publisher. Her sister, Janis, bought the paper from Mr. Bates in 1988 and has served as a member of the board of directors of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Janette Keamey currently is serving in Washington, D.C. as an appointee of the Clinton/Gore Administration.—LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS



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President Nelson Mandela delivers his inaugural speech before thousands of onlookers

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA—Your majesties, your royal highnesses, distinguished guests comrades and friends:

Today, all of us do, by our presence here, and by our celebration in other parts of our country and the world, confer glory and hope to newborn liberty.

Out of the experience of an extraordinary human disaster that lasted too long must be born a society of which all humans will be proud.

Our daily deeds as ordinary South Africans must produce an actual South African reality that will reinforce human's belief in justice, strengthen its confidence in nobility of the human soul and sustain all hopes for a glorious life for all.

All this we owe both ourselves and to the peoples of the world who are so well represented here today.

To my compatriots, I have no hesitation in saying that each one of us is as intimately attached to the soil of this beautiful country as are the famous jacaranda trees of Pretoria and the mimosa trees of the bushveld.

Each time one of us touches the soil of this land, we feel a sense of personal renewal. The national mood changes as the seasons change.

We are moved to a sense of joy and exhilaration when the grass turns green and the flowers bloom.

That spiritual and physical oneness we all share with this common homeland explains the depth of the pain we all carried in our hearts as we saw our country tear itself

apart in terrible conflict, and as we saw it spurned, outlawed and isolated by the peoples of the world, precisely because it has become the universal base of the pernicious ideology and practice of racism and racial oppression.

We, the people of South Africa, feel fulfilled that humanity has taken us back into its bosom, that we, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil.

We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.

We trust that you will continue to stand by us as we tackle the challenges of building peace, prosperity, nonsexism, nonracism and democracy.

We deeply appreciate the role that the masses of our people and their democratic, religious, women, youth, business, traditional and other leaders have played to bring about this conclusion. Not least among them is my second deputy president, the honorable F.W. deKlerk.

We would also like to pay tribute to our security forces, in all their ranks for the distinguished role they have played in securing our first democratic election and the transition to democracy, from blood-thirsty forces which refused to see light, the light.

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South Africa's President-elect, Nelson Mandela

Newspapers and tobacco companies: an unholy alliance?

by Carol Weatherford

As pressure mounts for increased regulation of tobacco products, more and more African Americans are choosing sides. Eleven Congressional Black Caucus members, including Ron Dellums (D-CA), Maxine Waters (B-CA) and John Lewis (D-GA) are co-sponsoring a bill that would ban smoking in public facilities.

Rep. Henry Waxman (B-CA), the bill's sponsor, chaired recent hearings by the Subcommittee on Health & Environment where seven tobacco company chief executives testified. After grueling, sometimes intimidating, questioning by the lawmakers, RJR Tobacco Chairman James Johnston was convinced, "They want an advertising ban, they want prohibition. They won't stand up and say they want to ban cigarettes, so they'll sneak up on it by banning advertising. A ban, however, may be necessary in newspapers, where cigarette advertising has already dropped sharply. According to Advertising Age, cigarette advertising in local newspapers plummeted from \$12.1 million in 1991 to \$6.6 million in 1992, the last year for which figures were available.

Black newspapers, many of which relied

heavily on tobacco advertising, have been badly hit by these cutbacks. In 1997, only \$1 million in tobacco advertising was placed through Amalgamated Publishers, Inc., a New York-based advertising rep firm representing 153 black newspapers across the nation. That was down from \$2.5 million in 1992 when tobacco companies' expenditures with black newspapers peaked. An anonymous source reports that R.J. Reynolds black newspaper expenditures were down 80 percent from last year.

John Singleton, manager of corporate communications at R.J. Reynolds, indicates, "Budget cuts stem from more competition in the industry. Philip Morris reduced Marlboro's prices by 40 cents a pack last year." This set off industry wide belt-tightening and led to layoffs at R.J. Reynolds. Robert Bugle, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), a trade group representing black-owned newspapers, charges, "As no time has the relationship between [R.J.'s] cigarette consumption and [ad] spending been commensurate." According to [Advertising Age], cigarette companies spent \$169.1

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Black Expo comes to the Apple

NEW YORK—New York's Jacob Javits Center is the fifth stop on the Sixth Annual Black Expo USA national tour Sponsored by Coca-Cola USA.

The largest national traveling show of its kind, the expo is expected to draw more than 100,000 African-Americans interested in recycling dollars within the black community.

The show will be open to the public on Friday, June 3 through Monday, June 6. Show hours are Friday 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Monday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Coca-Cola Bottling of New York and KISS-FM will hold a drawing for a 1994 Coca-Cola Red Mustang Convertible GT. Consumers should bring a "red hot" cap from Coca-Cola products to the KISS booth to enter the contest for the car. \$1.00 will be taken off the general admission to Black Expo USA for individuals presenting any Coca-Cola bottle cap.

The Coca-Cola Red Hot Summer Promotion will include instant winners of prizes

ranging from the Mustang to admission to Six Flags Great Adventure.

Founded in 1988, Black Expo is termed the biggest economic event in the history of Black America—According to Jerry Robuck, founder and chairman, "Black Expo USA is designed primarily to afford black businesses an opportunity to heighten awareness, gain increased market share and broaden their distribution channels."

Highlights for the 1994 Black Expo USA national tour include the Black Inventions Museum Exhibit, sponsored by The Chemical Bank, displaying inventions such as the traffic light and the cellular phone. Chemical Bank will also sponsor the Black Expo Success Training workshop (BEST). Provided to all Black Expo USA exhibitors, the BEST workshop will include presentations from Chemical Bank representatives on securing small business loans and developing business plans.

In conjunction with the National Dental (Continued on page 8)

Coleman, Johnsons receive MLK award

The North Ward Center in Newark recently hosted its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Recognition Day Celebration honoring individuals for their service to the community. Pictured left to right are Herb Tate, president of the New Jersey Board of Regulatory Commissioners who presented to Len Coleman, honoree Len Coleman, president of the National Baseball League, Jan M. Johnson, co-owner and vice president of City News Publishing Company, Henry C. Johnson, co-owner and president of City News Publishing Company and Steve Aduabato, Executive Director of the North Ward Center. Coleman received the Martin Luther King Recognition Award and the Johnsons received the Martin Luther King Community Service Award.



Community Calendar

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SUNDAY, MAY 22

BATTERY PARK CITY—Tour the gardens of Battery Park City with the horticulturists who maintain them. Every Thurs. thru June 9. Two 45 minute tours at 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Meet at Rector Gate.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

NEW YORK—"Pilgrimage to the Gravesite of Malcolm X." 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., depart from Harlem State Office Building, 125th St. & Adam Clayton Blvd. Buses to Ferncliff Cemetery, Ardsley NY. \$35/person. School groups encouraged. For further information call (718) 948-5153.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

NEW YORK—Street Parade through Brownsville Brooklyn. Schools, community groups and others turn out to pay tribute to Malcolm X. For further information call 718-948-5153.

SUMMIT—New Jersey Center for Visual Arts' Annual Outdoor Art and Craft Sale. 10-4 p.m., at The Green on Broad St. between Summit Ave and Maple St. (Rain location—Summit Middle School). Over 150 Artists and Crafts people, lots of children's activities. For more info, call 908-273-9121.

NEW YORK—The Lubin Galleries presents an Important Estates Auction at the Chelsea Expo Center, 150 West 25th St. New York City. 18th & 19th Century French, English, and American furniture, paintings, bronzes, silver and much more. For more information call Lubin Galleries at 212-924-3777.

SATURDAY, MAY 21-JUNE 11

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library and the Newark Writers Collective announce the upcoming for the Poetry Works festival they are co-sponsoring. Many readings and free workshops including "Techniques of the Poetry Form," "The Politics of Poetry," "The Art of Performance Poetry" and much more. For more information call Poetry Works

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

PLAINFIELD—School Community Religious meeting at the Plainfield High School Conference Room. 7 p.m. PHS is located at Park Ave. and Eighth St.

JERSEY CITY—Black-Jewish Relations. "A Dialogue" Speakers and panelists include Rabbi Kenneth Brickman, Rev. Ralph Brower, Iman Nu-man, and many more. 7:30 p.m. at the Miller Branch Library, 488 Bergen Ave. 201-947-4505/6907/4551.

HACKENSACK—Informative Career Panel at the Life Counseling Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Meet four women working in interesting, challenging job fields. 280 Hackensack Ave. Call 201-343-6000, Ext. 275.

TRENTON—The New Jersey State Board of Higher Education will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. at the Mary G. Roebeling Building 20 West State Street. Rooms 219 & 220.

SOMERSET—Heritage Trail bus tour. A two hour bus tour rife with tales of adventure, murder, slaying and more. Saturday 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. All tickets are \$6.50. To register call 1-800-560-1688 or 908-356-3925.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18-19

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Langston Hughes lecture series commemorates Malcolm X birthday

PLAINFIELD—Cheryl Green, editor of the book *Malcolm X: Make It Plain*, will discuss the book, as part of the Langston Hughes Lecture series commemoration of the 69th birthday of Malcolm X.

The program will be held on Wednesday May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library. *Malcolm X: Make It Plain* explores the many faceted characters of the man. The

political philosopher and visionary, husband and father, dynamic orator, and hero and the many forces that forged him.

With a text by acclaimed writer William Strickland, the book contains rare photographs and personal memories from friends, family and followers. For additional information please contact Karen Thornburn at 908-757-1111.

EOCSW holds walk-a-thon for scholarships

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Committee on the Status of women will hold its third annual Walk-a-thon for education on Saturday, May 21. The walk will begin at Elmwood Park, located on Elmwood Avenue beginning at 9 a.m.

According to chairperson of the committee, Diane Cooper, "the walk-a-thon is a major fund-raiser for our organization. Our goal is to provide scholarship to East Orange youth." The walk is held to raise community consciousness for students in the East Orange school district, encourage agencies, businesses, churches and

neighborhood associations to be more health conscious and to work together toward a common goal.

The walk-a-thon will run the route of Arlington Avenue to Memorial Park, back to Arlington Avenue to William Street to Greenwood Avenue to Oval Park to N. 19 Street to 4th Avenue to Columbia Park to Springfield Avenue to Sovarel Park.

For more information please call Olive Harvey at 201-677-1816. Donations may be sent to the East Orange Committee on the Status of Women, 44 City Plaza, East Orange, 07019. The event is open to the public.

Hugh Masekela receives the key to the city of Newark



NEWARK—On the second day of South Africa's historic all-races elections, world renowned trumpeter Hugh Masekela performed a blend of South African sounds from his current release, *Hope to an enthusiastic, packed house at Essex County College*. To commemorate the occasion, Mayor Sharpe James presented Masekela with a key to the city, affirming New Jersey's commitment to ending apartheid.

City of EO plants tree in honor of late tree superintendent



Mayor Cardell Cooper presented a memorial plaque in honor of her husband's services as a tree superintendent. The two stand in front of the Weeping Cherry tree planted in Simpson's honor.

EAST ORANGE—The City of East Orange, on Arbor Day, April 29, held a brief ceremony to mark the numerous contributions of Harold Glen Simpson, the former Superintendent of the Shade Tree Division of the city.

A Weeping Cherry Tree was planted at the city island, located at North Horton Parkway and Arlington Avenue in East Orange. The site has been designated as the Harold G. Simpson, Sr. Memorial Island.

Joining in the celebration and making a presentation of the plaque to Mrs. Rachel Simpson and the family were Mayor Cardell Cooper, Director of the Division of Public Works, Otto Bruz and numerous employees of the Public Works Department.

Simpson was employed by the city of East Orange for 40 years in the Engineering Department and later the Shade Tree Division, where he was later named Superintendent.

Simpson began his career in 1953 as a tree climber, before being promoted to tree foreman, and finally to tree superintendent. He was a charter member of the Engineering Supervisory Personnel Association (ESPA), and has served on several committees as part of that union.

The Mayor said, "Harold Simpson contributed to the beauty of East Orange through his personal touch and sincere care of the many trees that line our streets." He continued, "We are grateful to him for his devotion."

Bruz said, "Under Simpson's guidance, the Shade Tree Division flourished. Over his tenure, Simpson was responsible for the planting of hundreds of trees throughout the city."

Coping

by Dr. Charles Faulkner

Assault on black males

President Clinton goes to a black church and delivers a speech in which he tells blacks that they ought to stop killing each other and make America a better place in which to live. Then, he signs a \$23 million anti-crime bill which guarantees the construction of even more prisons and the employment of 100,000 more policemen.

Many black politicians, ministers and writers praised the President for his stirring speech. The black congregation stood up and cheered the president for his impassioned remarks. Are they serious? Don't they realize that most of those 100,000 police officers will be white, and most of those arrested will be black males?

Even though President Clinton was addressing a black audience, his message really was intended to be heard by white America. He was using a black platform in order to let white America know he was cracking down on black males as a means of protecting white Americans. Even though Clinton appeared to display concern about so-called "Black on Black" crime, he was, in fact, re-affirming the time-honored, conservative notion that black males are the primary cause of criminality in America, and he was taking tough, Republican type steps to do something about it.

I hate to have to say this, but Clinton was reaching out to conservative white Republican Christian fundamentalists who have made America racially punishing for blacks. This was entirely a political speech intended to elicit the support of white America during his re-election campaign in 1996.

Yet, these black Americans were, jumping up and down with joy at the thought that their great President would have the heart to visit a black church just before signing this historic anti-crime bill.

This political tactic shows how easy it is to manipulate both black and white America. It reaffirms, with the support of the U.S. Government, the lie that black males are the primary cause of crime in America. This racist, untrue notion will put every black American at risk of police harassment and brutality—while white American drug and crime lords go scott free. It affirms the notion that if you imprison half of the black males in this society, crime will just go away. Why are people so stupid as to actually believe this? This misnomer is right up there with the belief that only blacks use and abuse welfare. Even black Americans believe this lie. The fact is that whites dominate the welfare rolls by millions. The fact is that the drug importing and trafficking business is controlled by white Americans.

Very little appears in this anti-crime legislation that addresses the primary causes of crime such as racism, the lack of jobs or the loss of hope among blacks and other minorities, and the fact that most Americans could not give a damn about what happens to poor, disenfranchised Americans. Wouldn't it be nice if Clinton had allotted \$10 billion to eliminate racism?

You can expect more police harassment of black males, more brutality, more unjustified imprisonment and a decrease in opportunity for blacks in America, while crime thrives.

And there they were, black politicians, ministers and writers praising our great President for this "wonderful" legislation.

Two Hundred Club of Union County celebrates 25 years



MOUNTAINSIDE—Eight police officers and firefighters were honored at The Two Hundred Club of Union County's Annual Spring Valor Awards Luncheon held recently at L'Affaire on Friday, May 6, from Elizabeth. The award winners were presented with a plaque commemorating the event and the Two Hundred Club valor award medal. The eight award winners: (front row L-R): Officer Romina Cannon, Officer Daniel Geddes, Jr., Firefighter Gerald Highsmith; (second row L-R): Officer Juan Guzman, Firefighter John M. Phillips, Jr., Firefighter Glenn Malcolm, Officer Brian Butler and Officer William McNair; all from the Elizabeth Police and Fire Departments.

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Shifts policy on Haiti

Pressure from blacks forces President Clinton to act

by William Reed

President Clinton has approved entry hearings for Haitian boat people despite broad indifference among the general American public. In the face of an 80 percent plurality poll of Americans, who were against the United States intervening in the internal affairs of Haiti and insisting in the reinstatement of Jean-Bertrand Aristide to the presidency of that country, President Bill Clinton has now decreed that the US no longer will forcibly return Haitian boat people without proper hearings for asylum...the president also announced that former Philadelphia Congressman William H. Gray III will be the special envoy to Haiti.

After 26 days of a hunger strike, protests by Randall Robinson, the head of TransAfrica, over the treatment of Haiti and its boat people, President Clinton publicly shifted his administration's policy on Haiti. Word of the systematic slaughter of Aristide's supporters in Haiti, along with domestic pressure from African Americans brought the issue to prominence for the president and his advisors. The administration also pushed the United Nations to impose broader sanctions on Haiti. Clinton emphasized that the US "is not changing our policy" and is not "broadening the criteria" refugees must meet to be admitted to the US after their release from the hospital for dehydration. Robinson applauded the president "for moving in the right direction for Haiti." Los Angeles Congresswoman Maxine Waters, a Clinton policy critic who was arrested in front of the White House protesting the Haiti issue, said she was "very pleased that the president has changed his policy." But she called on Clinton to "actively work toward returning Aristide to we can stop them (fleeing Haitians) from coming." Waters, Robinson and most of the Congress-

sional Black Caucus are pushing for military action to restore Aristide to power if new economic sanctions and negotiations to persuade military rulers in Haiti to leave are unsuccessful.

Clinton shifted his policies after continual pressure from black labor leaders, politicians and religious leaders, coordinated by Randall Robinson. From the basement of TransAfrica's Washington headquarters, Robinson galvanized the actions of blacks to ward support of a return to democracy in Haiti and for beatings for Haitian boat people. Robinson's group took out a \$30,000 full page ad in the New York Times listing the names of hundreds of leaders and celebrities clamoring for change in Clinton policy, he got Black Caucus members ranging from Waters to fellow Clintonian Congressman Ronald Dellums to Florida's Alcee Hastings

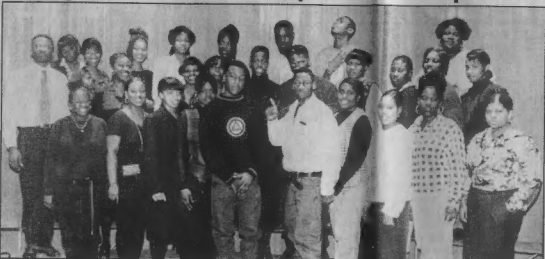
and New Jersey's Donald Payne to get arrested for protesting in front of the White House, and Robinson got the media, particularly Bryant Gumbel and NBC and the nation's black newspapers, to publicly raise the issue of U.S. treatment of Haitians who were being forcibly returned to that island and violent oppression.

Although blacks can take credit for this turnaround on the issue, Clinton said his actions were dictated by the violence and repression against Haitians by the military, which had reached "alarming new proportions." The "brutal mistreatment" of Haiti's military must end, Clinton said, but until it does, the US must "shield the most vulnerable Haitians" with new repatriation policies and increased monitoring by international organizations in Haiti. However, even as they applauded Clinton's new policy, Hai-

tian refugee group advocates warned that Clinton's actions were "An important step forward given the situation in Haiti, but moving toward shipboard processing leaves a lot to be desired unless the US moves quickly to a land-based solution."

Gray, who replaces Lawrence Pezzullo, will be in the forefront of negotiations with Haitian military rulers and feeding information back to administration officials. He is a former head of the Congressional Black Caucus and now is the top official of the United Negro College Fund. Gray said that he is undertaking the job without pay. White House officials said Gray will be a "special government employee" who serves for 130 days or less and is required to disclose his financial interests but not to divest them.

Irvington students compete in Gospelfest



Irvington High School Gospel Choir will compete as semi-finalists at the McDonald's Gospel Festival on Saturday, May 21. The 100 members have performed in over 40 engagements in their three-year existence. They will also perform at their annual Spring concert at their school on Wednesday May 25.

Justice for all

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The time for healing of the wounds has come.

The moment to bridge the chasms that divide us has come.

The time to build is upon us.

We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledged ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination.

We succeeded to take our last steps to freedom in conditions of relative peace. We commit ourselves to the construction of a complete, just and lasting peace.

We have triumphed in the effort to implant hope on the breasts of millions of our people. We enter into a covenant that we shall build the society in which all south Africans, both black and white, will be able to walk tall, without any fear in their hearts, assured of their inalienable right to human dignity—a rainbow nation at peace with itself and the world.

As token of its commitment to the renewal of our country, the new interim government of National Unity will, as a matter of urgency, address the issues of amnesty for various categories of our people who are currently serving terms of imprisonment.

We dedicate this day to all the heroes and heroines in this country

and the rest of the world who sacrifice in many ways and surrendered their lives so that we could be free. Their dreams have become reality. Freedom is their reward.

We are both humbled and elevated by the honor and privilege you, the people of South Africa, have bestowed upon us, as the first president of a united, democratic, nonracial and nonsexist South Africa, to lead our country out of the valley of darkness.

We understand it still that there is no easy road to freedom. We know it well that none of us acting alone can achieve success.

We must therefore act together as a united people, for national reconciliation, for nation building, for the birth of a new world.

Let there be justice for all. Let there be peace for all. Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all.

Let each know that for each the body, the mind and the soul have been freed to fulfill themselves.

Never, never and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another and suffer the indignity of being the skunk of the world. The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement!

Let freedom reign. God bless Africa!

Sterling Creations celebrates 10 years

PLAINFIELD—Sterling Creations, Inc. invites you to its 10th anniversary show entitled "Reminiscing. This year's show is dedicated to reading and excellence and will feature a host of activities including book signings by published authors.

The 10th anniversary celebration begins on Saturday, May 21 with opening day activities. On Sunday May 22, Reverend Buster Searles will be signing the book that he co-edited, *Voices of Triumph*. On Saturday May 28, the celebration will move to the Plainfield

Public Library to participate in the Langston Hughes Lecture Series. Sunday May 29 features a discussion and books focusing on soulful cooking for picnics in the park.

Grady L. Lomax Bauman will be signing books on Saturday, June 4. On Sunday June 5, Dr. William Spivey of AT&T will host an autograph session. The 10th anniversary celebration will run until Sunday June 12. For additional information please call Lisa Robinson at 908-582-6060. Sterling Creations is located at 731 West Eighth Street.

Unholy alliance

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million us advertising in 1992. An unidentified source in the industry, however, only \$10 million less than three-tenths of one percent of all cigarette advertising went to black media. Tobacco companies' acquisition of non-black companies in the 1980's raised black publishers' hope that their ad budgets would also expand. In most cases, however, that did not happen.

The NNPA's Bogle notes, "Philip Morris has demonstrated that they want a relationship with the black press not just for cigarettes but for all their products. RJR Nabisco did not expand anywhere in the depth and proportion that Philip Morris did."

Philip Morris, whose \$2 billion ad budget makes it the nation's second biggest advertiser, spends about \$4 million with black newspapers. RJR Nabisco, RJ Reynolds' parent company, spends around \$1.3 million. Although corporations like Philip Morris and RJR Nabisco began to advertise some non-black products in black newspapers, cigarette advertising still represented a significant chunk of the paper's business...until recently.

No cigarette ads now run in the Afro-American newspaper, a chain serving Baltimore, Washington and Richmond. Publisher John Oliver notes, "It started disappearing about three or four years ago. Cigarette advertisers had simply ceased advertising in any noticeable fashion in black newspapers." John Bursante, chairman of *Call & Post* which publishes Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and State editions, recounts a similar story. "We haven't received any [cigarette ads] in the last two years. It was a revenue stream we lost." Although anti-smoking lobbyists might say, "Good riddance," some black publishers sorely miss those profits generated by cigarette ads.

The relationship between black newspapers and the tobacco industry has been an amiable and fruitful one. According to Bogle, cigarette manufacturers were among the first consumer product companies to patronize black newspapers. Tobacco advertising, he explains, appeared in black newspapers, "Long before tobacco ads were banned from TV, when cigarette smoking was fashionable. They were with black radio or magazine, before there was a question of whether smoking was injurious to health." As revelations of smoking's health dangers surfaced, however, black newspapers were conspicuously silent. The tobacco industry took increasing heat from anti-smoking forces, but it found a safe haven in black newspapers. Among the African-

American voices in the anti-smoking chorus is Ed Lofgren, E. Lawrence, M.D., president of the National Medical Association, which represents 17,000 minority physicians. Dr. Lawrence indicates, "We've asked some of our brother and sister organizations to take a look at the financial support they received from tobacco corporations."

Not apologizing, the NNPA's Bogle says, "Tobacco companies were our [black newspapers'] friends before no one else was. Groups have condemned us for taking those ads. For many of our newspapers, though, it's been economic survival." He stresses, "It's legal to grow it [tobacco], manufacture it, sell it, and use it to raise tax revenues." Tobacco is legal, but considering its toll on the black community, there has been scant coverage in black newspapers of smoking-related health issues. According to the American Medical Association, nearly 45,000 African Americans died of smoking-related diseases in 1992. Each year, more African Americans die from smoking-related diseases than die from AIDS, drug abuse, car accidents and homicide combined. Black males not only smoke at higher rates but are less successful at quitting than white males.

A 1990 survey by the California Department of Health Service showed strong anti-smoking sentiments among blacks in the state. Six out of 10 respondents favored a ban on tobacco advertising. In view of such findings, black newspapers seem oddly out of touch with popular opinion.

Although some black papers have historically postured themselves as liberals, most have done little to free readers from slavery to nicotine, a stimulant now believed to be addictive. Lack of knowledge of smoking's health dangers may actually increase advertising's influence on first-risk groups from starting smoking.

In that regard black newspapers have definitely failed their communities. Bogle admits, "We do not need to encourage people to smoke if it is injurious to our health." Tobacco companies' recent advertising cutbacks may actually help resolve black publishers' seeming moral dilemma. RJR's Singleton reports, "More resources are going to point-of-sale advertising. From a pure business perspective, we get better impact where we have good point-of-purchase."

While tobacco companies have shifted advertising dollars to in-store displays, black newspapers are also reassessing their position. Bogle says, "The relationship we have had with (Continued on page 8)

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EDITORIAL

It's time for spring cleanup

Although the weather doesn't always feel like it, spring is here. It's that time of year to plan and work to beautify our communities. It's a task we all must participate in as we are to return our neighborhoods and streets to clean safe environments for everyone to enjoy. It doesn't cost money. All it takes is initiative and time.

We must all be responsible for keeping our individual homes and businesses clean and safe. However, what is necessary in many of our communities is a collective effort to clean up areas with willingness to make sure the area stays clean. We also need to think about small improvements that might beautify an area like pruning trees or adding flowers.

When neighbors join together particularly when they make sure to involve their children, everyone can contribute a small effort and have a huge result—a cleaner community, pride in your accomplishments and an example for our children to follow.

by Connie Woodruff

Newark voters have decided Mayor Sharpe James will represent them for another four year term. There were no surprises in the May 10 municipal election but there was plenty of indecision in choosing council-at-large members.

Mildred Crump, an active community volunteer and Donald Tucker, one of three incumbent councilmen finished first and second for at-large seats but barely missed the 50 percent plus one vote that would have elected them on the first ballot.

Consequently, a field of eight candidates will square off in the runoff election held on June 14. The wheeling and dealing of who will run with who has already started. It began in the early morning hours the day after election and for

many of the hopefuls has been non-stop.

Politics is a way of life in Newark, and for the professionals who survive by their political wits, their "connections" and savvy in manipulating the system for personal aggrandizement the four men and women holding at-large seats is extremely important.

One thing is for sure. Whatever the mix, Mildred Crump and Donald Tucker will surely be included because they captured majority votes in the West, South and Central wards (predominantly African American) and had a show of strength in the remaining two wards (North and East) regarded as the strongholds of Latino.

Newark's deputy mayor-on-leave, Luis Quintana and North Ward businessman, Frank Petalino, a "favorite son" candidate, are factors in these areas and either one or both could, tied up on a "dream team" in the runoff.

However, two women, Bessie Walker, who has the backing of the Newark Teacher's Union and other labor groups, has strong support as does Gayle Chaneyfield, an administrator at Babyland Nursery and a close identification with the New Community Corp. under the aegis of Ms. William Linda of St. Rosa Lima Catholic church. Chaneyfield and Crump ran as a team in the May 10 election with a lot of support from Tucker.

However, the low voter turnout on election day ought to be a wake up call for whomever joins Mayor Sharpe James on the mayor-council July 1st. It was definitely not a good sign for the state's biggest city and indicates the trend of non-voting is continuing.

In Irvington where Freeholder Sara Bost beat one-term mayor Michael Steele for the top position, numbers of votes cast were equally depressed. Clearly elected officials cannot fully enjoy the fruits of victory knowing none of the "winners" won a mandate. They merely won an election.

A week before Newark's June 14 runoff election, voters will go to the polls again to vote in the June 7 primary election.

Democrats will be asked to choose between two tickets, one headed by East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper, a candidate to be the Democratic candidate for County Executive and including incumbent sheriff Armand Fournier (seeking a second term) and West Orange attorney Nancy Sivelli, as Register candidate.

Their opposition will be a ticket headed by Essex County Democratic chairman Tom Giblin (county executive), Hank Martinez for sheriff and Newark Teachers Union president, Carole A. Graves for county register. Martinez, a former Newark politician is currently councilman in New-

ark's East Ward.

There will also be a third ticket comprised of candidates from Livingston. With the voting strength of Essex Democrats based in Newark, the suburban team is not regarded as a significant factor but it could have an impact on Cooper and Giblin.

The men who will play a role in the campaigns are as interesting as the principal players.

State Senator Dick Codey, a long time political ally of Mayor Cooper, will mastermind his friend's campaign.

Codey's Senatorial colleague, Newark State Senator Ronald Rice has been tapped to guide Giblin and company through the maze of primary politics and recently sheriff candidate Hank Martinez announced his campaign chief will be former mayor Ken Gibson.

If you're confused by all of this, rest assured you're not alone the key to who will win and who will lose depends a great deal on who will come out to vote in the elections on June 7 and 14.

Through it all one thing is perfectly clear. The persistence of women to achieve political equality is paying off in rich dividends.

Last year East Orange voted for women who won half of the 10 council seats councilwoman Yvonne Blake assumed the council presidency. Apparently Mayor Cardell Cooper got the message and has selected a record-breaking number of women to serve on policy board and decision-making positions.

Irvington voters term female Sara Bost the township's first female mayor and second African American mayor.

Newark voters appear to be determined to keep at least one woman on the city council and women in that city handling together to make sure that happens on June 14.

Justice now for the Haitian people

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent



Caribbean and Latino communities need to be honest with ourselves first, and admit that we haven't been as vigilant or determined around this issue as we should have been.

There have been many notable exceptions such as TransAfrica, under the leadership of Randall Robinson, Jesse Jackson, Congressman Charles Rangel etc., whom have kept up a steady and consistent pressure, and have refused to be silent about the pain and suffering being inflicted on the Haitian people by the racist military junta presently in control.

Unfortunately, most people, simply don't care what happens to the Haitian refugees, and while people are too ashamed to admit this fact out loud, the lack of pressure and demands on the United States government to formulate a clear foreign policy agenda about Haiti highlight the truth of this statement.

At a time when Americans are worried about maintaining their own living standards, and finding employment in a competitive job market, people aren't as generous as they were in times past. Of course, when you are a person of color, the generosity has always been tempered and the often quoted phrase, "give me your tired, your poor, your hunchbacked yearning to be free," hasn't held quite true.

There have been rallies and demonstrations, but not of the size and

magnitude that would reflect a serious level of concern and commitment to this particular cause. As people are struggling to keep their own heads above water, there is very little compassion about "foreigners" coming into this country, possibly competing for money and available resources. Like rats in a cage, many people are so intent on fighting for their own survival, very little thought is being given to those less fortunate. Some have deemed Haiti as a lost cause offering no vital strategic or military interests to the United States, so, therefore, not, worth fighting over.

The most pressing need right now is to educate the American people about the real situation in Haiti. The terrible and inhumane conditions that the people are forced to endure under the fascist military thugs must be exposed and clearly brought to light. Those who call for military intervention, are simply not being realistic. Support has to be developed first, and every effort must be made to strip away the false facade being promoted by the ruling fight in this country about the situation in Haiti, and the role of its "leaders."

Over 70 percent of the Haitian people voted for and elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The right wing forces here in this country and in Haiti would have people believe that someone other than Aristide should be allowed to run the country. The Haitian people overwhelmingly made a decision, and their views, opinions and desires must be respected. It is not up to the United States or any other country to determine who the leadership of any nation should be comprised of. Until the Haitian people decide to vote Aristide out of office, their decision should be upheld and supported.

The infrastructure in Haiti has virtually collapsed, so a long term plan of action has to be developed which makes as its top priority, the

channelling of resources to help accomplish this task. The solution lies in helping the Haitian people to help themselves. They are willing and able, and need economic assistance, not guns and more killing.

Unless people are willing to call or write their congressional representatives, and help to rally support for this just cause, it's very hypocritical to point the finger elsewhere and blame everyone else for failing to show concern and resolve in dealing with the Haiti situation.

I haven't heard the outcries of Caribbean and Latin American leaders. What will be their commitments

to this effort? Will they send troops to help out in the case of military action? Will they agree to be part of a peace keeping effort, and how long are they willing to stay? Will they continue to honor and abide by the sanctions? Will they do more to show that they care?

Until we get the answers to all of these unanswered questions, there can be no real cries of indignation hurled at the Clinton administration that have meaning. We should first find out our own desires and what we can and must do, and what we should not do, and what a whole lot more to champion the cause of our Haitian brothers and sisters.

by Carolyn L. Bennett, Ph.D.

Richard Nixon died yes, we honor him. We mourn a fallen president. Not merely because he was president and not because he was honest or kind or loving or brave, but because we have long since forgiven him for ourselves. Honoring is but the final expression of our forgiveness.

A.M. Rosenthal of the New York Times writes: "What Americans have wanted for themselves they gave to Richard Nixon, with grace" (April 29). It is rather grace that calls us to do what we did for Richard Nixon.

M. Scott Peck comes closer to the point of why we honor Richard Nixon and why we the people of the United States allowed him to attempt reconciliation with us in the years following Watergate. Peck says in *Further along the Road Less Traveled*, "the process of forgiveness—indeed, the chief reason for forgiveness—is selfish. The reason to forgive others is not for their sake. They are not likely to know that they need to be forgiven.... The reason to forgive is for our own sake. For our own health."

Why do we honor the man called "Tricky Dick" who helped ruin the careers of Americans in the fifties and sixties; labeling some communists because they held different points of view and others criminals because they fought for American civil rights? Why honor a president who disgraced himself and brought shame on the Office of President of the United States? A tyrant contemptuous of the Constitution, the country and its people?

Why honor former President Richard Nixon? Because he assisted in opening China to the West? Because he began laying the groundwork for arms reductions with the Soviet? Because he ended the draft? No, I don't think these are the fundamental reasons Americans are released, touched by Grace, to honor the fallen president. I don't believe, either, that the reason lies in a tradition that refuses to speak ill of the dead (as New York Times columnist Anna Quindlen says); or that we are bound to honor him just because

he was President—no matter how high his crimes and misdemeanors or how many careers he destroyed with the label "Communist" or "Criminal."

And while I agree with the ancient words quoted by the Reverend Bill Graham in his eulogy of Mr. Nixon: equal all in the presence of death (If Mr. Nixon was dead, we are in our own deaths over a lifetime any better than he?); and the words of current President William Jefferson Clinton urging us to see the whole of the man's career, not merely the bad parts—though I agree with the words (the motivation), I do not believe these thoughts capture the underlying reason for honoring Nixon. Or for considering what makes it possible for us to honor the man who so offended our country and people.

The Reverend Graham, a friend of Nixon, said in his eulogy: "He brought a former president on behalf of four living former Presidents and a 'grateful nation' (Clinton's words) look their duty as furthering the wishes of the fallen President to seek reconciliation with America—without rehashing wrongs done. This was paganism, in my opinion, needless paganism."

The American people (except for a fanatic few holding on to needless pain and bitterness) had already long ago forgiven Mr. Nixon. It was their forgiveness their heart, that gave us the solid ground on which Nixon built his comeback as "elder statesman" and writer after his August 1974 resignation.

So why shouldn't we honor Nixon? Why should we? Because having already accomplished forgiveness, honoring him merely gives expression to it; confirms and gives public voice to our forgiveness.

A dead man no longer hopes for redemption. But in life a people's generosity through forgiveness allows him the freedom he needs to make his amends. Richard Nixon tried to amend as the people released him to amend.

After his death Americans should neither futilely hold his feet to the fire for his crimes nor defend their paying homage at his bier in Yorba Linda, California. For all practical purposes, distinct from historical treatise, Mr. Nixon himself no longer needs de-

fending. It makes no sense to hold a man's feet to the fire whose time is no more for whom change and growth and even reconciliation are no longer possible.

History will show whether Mr. Nixon's efforts as "elder statesman" and writer served America or merely himself. We need only acknowledge the amends he seems to have tried to make, regardless to his reason or motivation which we have no way knowing. This is the response of a forgiving people. For him our eulogy.

In the process of forgiving people are freed to confront their own wrongs, their content in the thing for which forgiveness is required.

In the process of forgiving Mr. Nixon we face the fact that we are the forces that gave rise to Nixon in the anti-Communist period of the early fifties and in the Civil Rights Movement of the sixties. The actions of Nixon cannot be separated from We The People.

No one man can bring down a nation nor cause it to rise to untold heights of greatness unless we the people conspire, cooperate and give him reign to do these things.

Where were the Woodward and Bernsteins before the fact of Watergate?

In some sense we have to hold the press and ourselves responsible, as accomplices before and after the fact. We are the person Nixon was. We fertilized the soil and cultivated it for crime to happen. No one man commits acts against America for 22 years, 1952-1974—just as no man rises again in another 20 years, 1974-1994—without the cooperation of the American people.

We created and sustained Nixon by what we did and by what we failed to do. We forgave Nixon in order to forgive ourselves in order to heal and free ourselves.

"The reason we forgive," says Scott Peck, "is for our own sake. For our own health. Because beyond that point needed for healing, if we hold on to our anger, we stop growing and our souls begin to shrivel" (Further Along the Road Less Traveled).

Forgiveness frees us to move on. Nixon, having accomplished this, we need no longer spend our energy and our spirit acting against ourselves, against Nixon. We can turn our strengthened body and mind to the struggle unfinished in the lost portion of anti-Communism, Civil Rights and foreign wars, Richard Nixon and backlashes.

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PLAINFIELD—Basic Reading Workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Plainfield Public Library, 908-757-1111.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

PLAINFIELD—After School story time for children ages 6-12 years old, 3:30 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, 8th St. and Park Ave., 908-757-1111.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

PLAINFIELD—Little People Story Time, 11 a.m. for kids ages 3-5, Plainfield Public Library, 908-757-1111.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

PLAINFIELD—Basic Reading Workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, 8th St. and Park Ave., 908-757-1111.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

MORRISTOWN—The New Jersey Youth Orchestra performs its final concert of the season at 2 p.m. at the Morristown High School on Early St. Admission is by donor donation. For more information call 908-771-5544.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

PLAINFIELD—Arts and Crafts Program: Paper Weaving/Shooting Stars for kids ages 6-12, Plainfield Public Library, 908-757-1111.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

NEW YORK—Children's Museum of The Arts weekend workshop: Paper Maché Sculpture, Between 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. 72 Spring St., between Broadway and Lafayette in SoHo. For information on other workshops and events call 212-941-9188.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

PLAINFIELD—Organic Celebration for Kids—newborns to age 10. A dramatic true for kids under several tents with a variety of interactive activities, continuous free live entertainment, great food and a full schedule of Extra Special Events all weekend, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Sun. Park Madison, at West Front St. and Park Ave. To book the Plainfield Teen Parenting Program at Plainfield High School.

WARREN—Day In Warren Country, Farm tour and summer picnic, benefit for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Warren County, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 7 different Warren County Farms, \$10/for whole family, \$5/couple (\$12/6 at the gate). The well marked trails are conveniently located within 5-10 minutes of one another and parking is easily accessible. For more information call 908-689-0436.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

LINCROFT—The African-American Family Festival will be held at Brookdale Community College. For more info, call 908-224-2203.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

MORRISTOWN—Morristown-Beard School will hold a six week Summer School course for students entering the grades 6-12. From June 27-Aug. 5th. Courses may be taken to strengthen skills or to gain credit for advanced work. For more information or a brochure call 201-639-3032.

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Irvington school choir to open Baseball season in Montreal

IRVINGTON—The Myrtle Avenue School Chorus recently hosted a singing concert on Tuesday, May 12, in preparation for their international debut in Montreal, Canada later this month. While in Montreal, the students will perform at the Montreal Expo Stadium for baseball season's opening game between the Montreal Expos and the Colorado Rockies. The Myrtle Avenue school chorus was one of only two school choruses chosen for the season to open the game.

Newark students chosen for national leadership program

NEWARK—Two Essex County College (ECC) Pre-College students have been selected as delegates to a national student leadership program.

Ebony Adkins and Ebron Roberts, juniors in two Newark high schools, will attend the June 4-9 Student Leadership Congress sponsored by the National Council Educational Opportunity Association (NCEO). Adkins, who attends Central High School, is enrolled in ECC's Upward Bound Program and Roberts, a student at Newark Technical High, participates in the college's Talent Search Project.

The Upward Bound program, which has been cited as a model program by the US Department of Education, provides pre-college and post-secondary services to help high school students succeed in higher education. The Talent Search program identifies and counsels eligible pre-college students regarding post-secondary opportunities.

This year's leadership theme is focused on community service, with an emphasis on citizen participation in decision-making processes affecting federal policy and national priorities.

Student delegates will participate in workshops designed to promote leadership, community service, and political awareness for a multi-cultural and diverse society. Students will

also have the opportunity to meet their Congressional representatives and senators. Los Angeles Congressman Ciro Flores, a former Upward Bound student, will head one of the sessions.

"This is the first time students from our programs have been selected to participate in this unique experience. We hope that workshops such as these continue to be an ongoing part of the growth of our Upward Bound and Talent Search students," said ECC Special Programs Director Betty Foster.

Delegates will also participate in a mock congressional hearing which will focus on President Bill Clinton's National Service Program. Other highlights include visits to local community service programs, including food banks, learning centers, senior citizen programs, the Smithsonian Museums, and a theatrical performance at the historic Ford Theatre.

"With all the challenges facing inner city youth today, we as educators and members of the community are encouraged that our national representatives are taking the time to meet with our students and better prepare them to be leaders," said Foster. Students attending the four-day excursion were nominated by the Upward Bound and Talent Search directors and were selected by the NCEO.

Students participate in foreign language poetry recitation contest at WPC

WAYNE—Students from 52 high schools and middle schools in northern New Jersey will gather on Wednesday, May 25 at William Paterson College in Wayne for a Foreign Language Poetry Recitation Contest.

The students will recite, from memory, poetry by well-known authors in the language of their choice: French, German, Italian, Latin or Spanish. There is also a special category for English as a Second Language speakers.

The competition will be held on four levels: beginner, intermediate, advanced and (except for Latin) native speaker. Contestants will be judged on poise, delivery, pronunciation and intonation. Trophies will be awarded to students who receive the

highest number of points in each language and category.

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Science Hall 200A. Students will be directed to various locations throughout campus for the competition and will return to Science Hall at 11 a.m. where the winners will be announced and trophies awarded.

Started in 1983 at West Orange High School, the contest moved to the WPC campus with the college as a sponsor in 1987. According to Dr. Orlando Saa, WPC professor of languages and cultures and poetry contest coordinator, "The contest has proven to be a remarkable opportunity to help students develop a sensitivity to aesthetic values and to arouse their interest in various cultures."

DORCA holds tryouts for youth games

NEWARK—The Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) has started tryouts for its league of the 1994, "United States Youth Games," the Olympic-style athletic competition which will be held this summer.

A delegation of nearly 80 youngsters will represent Newark at the Games, August 10-13, in Columbia, South Carolina.

The week-long competition pits Newark against teams from cities throughout the East Coast and across the country. Tryouts for every sport, except track and field, have begun at various recreational sites around Newark, organizers noted. The track and field trials start in June.

Mayor Sharpe James said, "The U.S. Youth Games competition is a great way for our youngsters to learn about mental and physical discipline, hard work, camaraderie and sportsmanship. I attended one of past events and saw first-hand that children had the chance to meet other youth from other cities around the country, to travel, compete and represent the Newark community with pride and distinction."

Boys and girls, ages Nine through 15, who attend a grade-school (public or private) within the Newark area are eligible.

Participants should not be 16 years old prior to August 13, 1994. Individuals may try out for more than one sport, but may participate in only one sport at the Youth Games. Any individual who is ranked region-

ally or nationally in his/her sport will be eligible for the Games.

The sports being offered are: tennis, swimming, track and field, bowling, co-ed volleyball and basketball (girls and boys). Officials said the tryout schedule is as follows:

Basketball (Boys ages 12-15) 10 a.m. each day at the JFK Recreational Center, May 7, 14 and 21, June 4, 11 and 18.

Basketball (Girls ages 12-15) 12 noon each day at the JFK Recreational Center May 7, 14 and 21, June 4, 11 and 18.

Bowling (Boys & Girls ages 9-15) 12 a.m. each day at Garden State Bowling, May 7, 14, and 21, June 4, 11 and 18.

Swimming (Boys & Girls ages 9-15) Wed. & Friday, 5-7 p.m. JFK Rec. Center May 7, 14, and 21, June 4, 11 and 18.

Tennis (Boys & Girls ages 12-15) 12 noon each day at Jesse Allen Park, May 7, 14, and 21, June 4, 11 and 18.

Track & Field (Boys & Girls ages 10-15) at the Utermann Field, June 10 4:30 p.m., June 11 10 p.m., June 24 4:30 p.m., June 25 10 a.m., July 8 10 a.m.

Volleyball (Boys & Girls ages 13-15) 10 a.m. each day at the Newark YMCA, May 7, 14 and 21, June 4, 11 and 18.

For details, please call special events coordinators Harold Wright and/or Miriam Santiago, Room B-23, Newark City Hall 201-733-3749.

Newark residents earn academic honors

JERSEY CITY—Four Newark residents, Arthur Monaco, Manuel Perina, Domenick Trimarco and John Mavilla are among the 257 students at St. Peter's Preparatory School who

have earned academic honors for the third marking period. All four students received Honorable Mention award for their outstanding work during the marking period.

Malikah Shabazz address EO students at Youth Service Day Program



Malikah Shabazz (second from R) and East Orange High School students in conversation with Dr. Stephen Cowan.

EAST ORANGE—Malikah Shabazz, daughter of the late Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz recently addressed a group of about 150 students from East Orange's two high schools as part of the city's celebration of National Youth Service Day. This year's events marked the fifth annual observance of National Youth Service Day.

The day was established to reinforce in young Americans the importance of helping others in their communities. During the program, the students, representing East Orange and Clifford J. Scott High were being recognized for voluntary contributions to their

schools.

Ms. Shabazz, the fifth of Malcolm X's and Dr. Betty Shabazz's six daughters is a 28-year-old resident of Mount Vernon, New York. She is an architect specializing in architecture design and construction. Shabazz is involved in a variety of youth-oriented programs and activities and teaches math and science to minority students at New York University's STEP/SMART Program. During her address, she spoke about the importance of youth giving back to their community through volunteering. She said that young people, especially African Americans, should play a key role in the process to enhance the empowerment of their communities.

"No matter what profession or career path you choose, always reach back to help someone else," she said.

National Youth Service Day began in 1990 and is co-sponsored by the Jefferson Awards, the Lutheran Brotherhood, the Points of Light Foundation, Youth Service America and the United States Conference of Mayors. The students from East Orange High School and Clifford J. Scott High School were recognized for their voluntary efforts as serving as peer counselors, tutors and in various other areas of the schools including work in the library and the guidance department.

Elementary track festival competition

NEWARK—Elementary students ages 6-14 from across the city will compete in the 14th annual Elementary Track Festival sponsored by the Newark Board of Education.

The activity will be held at Utermann Field (adjacent to

Weequahic High School), Chancellor Avenue. The competition will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 19.

According to Leonard Moore, Supervisor of Physical Education, "This event fosters competition, school pride

and is an extension of the regular physical education program which brings kids together from all five wards."

Rain date for the event is Friday, May 20. For additional information call Mr. Moore at 201-733-7354.

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FRIDAY, MAY 20

PLAINFIELD—The United Methodist Church of Plainfield will hold its annual Burnage Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sat. May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Good used and new merchandise, adult and children's clothes, household items, novelties etc. For further information call Jane Thistle at 908-757-7825.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

MONTCLAIR—Community Baptist Church will hold an AIDS awareness seminar from noon until 2 p.m. with Cole, R.H., B.S.M. seminar facilitator, will explain the facts and myths about the disease from a biblical perspective. Admission is free. For more info, call 201-746-5312.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

PLAINFIELD—Choruses, ensembles, and solos from both grand and light opera will be featured at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students and seniors and can be purchased at the door. For more information call 908-757-8905.

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Unholy alliance

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most but not all cigarette companies have deteriorated. If they can revisit their relationship and say they don't need any more in view of who we're speaking to, we may need to revisit our relationship."

Any shift in policy, however, will require much deliberation by NNPA members. Bogle reports, "We've been discussing for the last year and a half what our position should be. Every day there's some new revelation about the health hazards of smoking." Bogle stresses, however, that anti-smoking forces should not only press tobacco companies but press the US government, which subsidizes tobacco farming and benefits from cigarette tax revenues.

Get smart on crime, family, jobs and values

by Robert N. Taylor

A crime wave is sweeping America. It is harming and causing deterioration in the quality of life in the country. But the national response has been dismal and incorrectly directed. If we are to better our lives, we must adopt a new approach.

Politicians (both local and national) perform a great disservice by playing into public emotions and fears about crime by passing costly crime legislation which has virtually no chance of ending the crime wave. The fact is simply this: It is impossible to arrest and punish crime out of a society. There is a simple and powerful law of logic at work here. The law: Nothing is the cause of itself. Every phenomenon has a cause which

is both distinct and separate from it. Thus, you cannot end crime by attacking crime. The end can only come by attacking causes.

The chief causes of crime in America are poverty which breeds both economic and emotional insecurity; deteriorating family structure which breeds hostile, uncontrollable youth; lack of constructive social values, which breeds ever increasing numbers of people who have no respect for others or their property.

Thus, if you were to behave in a logical manner, there would be a three-prong attack on crime: 1) A massive federal jobs program targeted at the inner cities; 2) Social service agencies doing everything possible to build and reinforce families with both the mother and father present; and 3) Schools and churches stepping in to help those

families instill constructive social and moral values.

None of this is to suggest that people who commit crimes should not be punished. They should. But punishment should never take the lead role, because it can neither end nor significantly reduce the problem. During the 1980's, we increased the prison population by over 100 percent. Meanwhile, overall crime dropped by a mere 4 percent. But violent crime—the crime which most destroys life and hope actually went up.

But do not expect politicians to behave logically. Instead, they will continue to try to guarantee victory in the next election by feeding into the public's emotional belief that more police, jails and punishment are the answer. Witness the recent Congressional passage of a \$22 billion, anti-

crime bill which focused primarily on building more prisons and putting more cops on the streets. Meanwhile, crime will continue to plague and undermine the nation precisely because we are attacking crime and not its causes.

One definition of stupidity is to do something which does not work. See it is not working. But keep doing it anyway. How long will we continue down this stupid punishment path. Well there is no end in sight. In order to truly better our lives and really combat crime, especially in the inner cities, we must seek wisdom—not minds driven by emotion, revenge and concern with the next election. In other words, we do not need to "get tough" on crime, we need to "get smart" on crime.

Keeping East Orange clean and green

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Chamber of Commerce and the City of East Orange announce their Fourth Annual Clean-Up Campaign. This year's campaign comprises a series of activities promoting the theme "Keep East Orange Clean and Green."

The goal of the campaign is to heighten awareness that it takes teamwork and an effort from everyone to keep city clean. A clean city fosters an enhanced residential and business climate.

Events include a poster contest and exhibition, with posters currently in display in the rounds of City Hall. The winning poster will be printed on car lift bags. During Clean Up Week, May 30 through June 4 a day (yet to be

announced) will be established for area residents and employees to clean designated sites.

The campaign culminates with an awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 31 at 6 p.m. at which Mayor Cardell Colton and Chamber President Mark L. Sealand will present Good Neighbor Awards to residents, businesses, and the student poster contest winner. The awards ceremony will take place at City Chambers, City Hall, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange.

For additional information please call the City of East Orange, "Clean and Green" Clean-Up Campaign at 206-1021. To make a donation for car lift bags call the East Orange Chamber of Commerce at 674-0900.

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NNPACH holds first annual conference

NEWARK—In celebration of May as Special Education Month, the Newark Board of Education Parent Advisory Council for the Handicapped is holding the First Annual Parent Conference on Saturday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Paul Robeson Center at the Rutgers University's Newark Campus.

The purpose of the conference is to encourage parents of Newark's special education students to become more aware of issues and programs that may be relevant to their child and to provide information on trends in special education.

The day-long conference will have a morning and afternoon ses-

sion and will offer workshops on a range of topics including, developing individualized education plans, supporting the child's transition into adult-life and understanding dyslexia. Roberta L. Wohle, a special education consultant with the New Jersey Department of Education, will be the keynote speaker at the event.

All special education parents and other concerned citizens are invited to attend. The conference is free and open to the public, however, registration is required and pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, contact the Newark Board of Education, Office of Child Guidance and Placement, 733-7317.

Low-income families in danger of losing home energy assistance funding

NEWARK—Federal funding for low income families who need assistance with their energy costs is in jeopardy, said Michael Swayze, chairperson of New Jersey Low Income Energy Network, an advocacy group for the disadvantaged. In a meeting with representatives from the state's utility companies, fuel merchants and Social Service organizations, Swayze discussed President Clinton's proposed Fiscal Year 1995 budget which includes a very deep cut in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) of almost 50 percent. "A loss of millions of dollars in funding will significantly impact on tens of thousands of New Jersey's families," said Swayze.

Established in 1979, LIHEAP is the only federally-funded program which directly provides benefits to help low-income households meet their basic energy needs. The funding cannot be used for any other purpose. Last year, 164,701 New Jersey families received an average of \$285 in LIHEAP assistance for the 1992-93 heating season. "This amount is only about 1/4 of an average heating bill in this state," Swayze said. "And the tragedy is that estimates indicate only about half of those who are eligible actually receive LIHEAP assistance. If funding is reduced, the ramifications will be hardest on our most vulnerable citizens, our children and our elderly."

Documentation by the Department of Health & Human Services has found that low-income families and senior citizens spend three times more of their income on energy than the typical American household. Cit-

ing statistics prepared by the New Jersey Data Center, Swayze said more than 25 percent of NJ LIHEAP recipients are elderly. "This is of particular concern because the Earned Income Assistance program, which the Administration feels will address the new funding cut is only available to working families," said Swayze. "Most of the elderly have no earned income and will not qualify."

"This loss of funding will also affect the families where choices have to be made between paying a heating bill and purchasing nourishment for their children," said Swayze.

"The Government has stated that stabilized energy prices have reduced the energy burden on low-income households," said Swayze. "This rationale for reducing funding is erroneous. Old housing, inefficient heating equipment and other conditions associated with poverty result in higher heating bills despite stabilized energy prices."

"We are determined to make our voices heard in Washington," Swayze said. "This should be a top priority for all those concerned with the disadvantaged. We are encouraging the people of New Jersey to contact their senators and congressmen to express their concern." For additional information on LIHEAP can contact Michael Swayze at 908-965-3506.

Newark City Hall to hold Blood Drive

NEWARK—Newark City Hall in conjunction with the North Jersey Blood Center, will hold a blood drive on Thursday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The drive will be held at City Hall, located at 920 Broad Street. All residents in good health are urged to make a donation.

The North Jersey Blood Center collects and distributes over 70,000 pints of blood each year, and serves over 40 hospitals in Northern and Central New Jersey.

"We need as much participation as possible from the concerned community to keep our blood supply at an adequate level," said Carl Clough, director of donor services at the Blood Center. "Because of the short shelf life of red blood cells, only 42 days, blood needs to be collected every year." For more information, call the North Jersey Blood Center's donor services department at 201-576-4700, ext. 140.

Health Calendar

EVERY SATURDAY

WEST ORANGE—The Northern NJ Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, sponsors a free swim program at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Carol or Laurie at 201-984-6667.

EVERY MONDAY

EDISON—"Chemical Dependency Family Education" is currently being offered from 7 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by the FPK Center for Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Treatment. The CDAPT office at 1152 St. George Ave. For more info, call 908-634-7910.

EVERY TUESDAY

IRVINGTON—Free WIC & Lead Testing, 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at the Irvington Health Dept. For pregnant and nursing women from birth to 5 yrs old. YOU MUST CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT 399-6652.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

IRVINGTON—Free Baby Clinic: Afternoons. Held at the Irvington General Hospital for newborns to 5 yrs old. YOU MUST CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT 399-6652.

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

NEWARK—Free confidential AIDS counseling and testing, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. Sat. 9 a.m. Newark Community Health Centers, 101 Ludlow St. Call 201-565-0555 for appointment, or Plainfield Health Center at 908-753-6701.

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Volunteers needed

NEWARK—SHARE is seeking people to help to monthly distribution at the SHARE Center in Newark. "We need energetic, highly motivated people to help us end hunger," said Janette Carroll, Executive Director of SHARE New Jersey. "We schedule food pick ups to insure that groups coming to pick up food are not delayed in getting back to their communities and the people who have ordered from SHARE."

"To be on schedule for everyone, we are looking for volunteers to help us on the evening before our distribution from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. (Thursday May 19) and on the days of our distribution on Friday, May 20 from 10 A.M. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, May 21 from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. SHARE is helping to end hunger in New Jersey and we invite people to join us. Everyone can help in some way."

There are no eligibility requirements. Anyone can participate in SHARE. For more information about volunteering or to join the program, call SHARE New Jersey today on 800-213-2769 or 201-344-2400.

Celebrate Older Americans Month

NEWARK—"This May, as we observe Older Americans Month, we salute the contributions of the Nation's senior citizens and commit ourselves to enhancing their quality of life," said Catherine G. Christoff, Social Security manager in Newark.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Celebrating Long Life and Good Health."

Older Americans Month has been celebrated each May since the passage of the Older Americans Act in 1965. Government agencies and community and civic organizations that provide services for the elderly traditionally use this occasion to increase the public awareness of the services they provide for older persons.

"One of the most important links that older Americans have to their government is Social Security," said Christoff. "Retired workers and their spouses can depend on Social Security for a steady monthly income. Medicare also helps protect them against the high cost of health care. And Social Security survivors insurance provides monthly benefits to older widows and widowers, as well as to young families of deceased workers."

Christoff noted that today people 65 and over account for an increasing percentage of the U.S. population, having grown at a rate more than twice the rate of the general population during the 1980s.

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Whitman signs payroll tax bill

TRENTON—Gov. Christie Whitman has signed into law a bill which extends the expiration date of the employer payroll tax and the alcoholic beverages tax under the "Local Tax Authorization Act."

The act permits any municipality with a population more than 200,000 to adopt ordinances imposing alcoholic beverages, employer payroll and parking taxes. The expiration date has been extended until January 1, 1996.

Newark and Jersey City are the only municipalities affected by this law since they have populations exceeding 200,000. Jersey City has a parking tax. The parking tax was extended to December 31, 1999. The measure was sponsored by Senator Wynona Lipman, Senator Ronald Rice and Assemblyman Jackie Mattison.

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NOW THRU JUNE

HAMPTON—Once More With Feeling? will run through June 1994 at the Huntington Hills Playhouse Dinner Theatre. For more information call 1-800-HSP-7313.

NOW THRU JUNE 6

CLINTON—Modern Lensen: Real and Surreal Paintings 1930-1970. Huntington Art Center, 7 Lower Center St. Open from Wednesday-Sunday, at 11 a.m. Admission is \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 senior citizens, \$1 children, \$5/family. 908-735-8415.

NOW THRU OCTOBER 9

NEW YORK—Modern Furniture in the Collection of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, an installation of furniture masterpieces drawn entirely from the museum's remarkably rich collection, will be on view in the 20th Century Design gallery. For more information call 212-570-3561.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

NEW YORK—Miki Howard & the Next Crusade-Wayne Henderson & Wilton Felder will be performing at 8:00 p.m. & 11 p.m. 204 Varick St. NYC. For more information on May and June events call 212-245-4840.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

SOUTH AMBOY—Club Bene Dinner Theatre presents Miki Howard for one night only. Showtimes are at 6 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. with optional dinner at 6:30 and 10:00 p.m. For reservations call 908-727-3000.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

NEW BRUNSWICK—Crossroads Theatre presents, "What Use Are Flowers?" by Lorraine Hansberry, directed by Harold Scott. This one act farce written in 1962, an elderly hermit returns to the world after 20 years in isolation and discovers a group of wild children—the only survivors of a global holocaust. Show starts at 8 p.m., 7 Livingston Ave.

SATURDAY, MAY 28-29

BROOKLYN—The Brooklyn Academy of Music presents its 17th annual festival, "Dance Africa." An explosively rhythmic program of African inspired dancing. Sat. May 28 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and May 29 at 3 p.m. For ticket information call the BAM box office at 718-635-4100. For advance tickets call TicketMaster at 212-307-4129.

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Crooklyn

It was the baddest of times, it was the worst of times. It was the time of Wall Frazier, it was the time of Richard Nixon. It was stickball players on Saturday morning, it was crazy glue sniffers on Saturday night. It was the Jackson 5, the Partridge Family, Afro-Sheen, Don Cornelius, Peace, Love and Sovovovill.

It was a time and a place called Crooklyn. Critically admired filmmaker Spike Lee, in his first film since *Malcolm X*, reveals a different side of his diverse talents with *Crooklyn*, a deftly observed, touching and often hilarious view of life in a Brooklyn family during the 1970s.

Academy Award nominee Alfre Woodard (*Passion Fish*, *Cross Creek*) plays Carolyn Carmichael, the loving but careworn mother who struggles to make ends meet for her unemployed musician husband (Linda of *Malcolm X*) and their five children. Her 10-year-old daughter, Troy played by delightful newcomer Zeldia Harris, has her hands

full keeping up with four terminally obnoxious brothers. As a crisis ensues the household, Troy and her family must rely on each other—and their sense of humor—to face both the wild joys and shared sorrows of everyday life in *Crooklyn*.

The film, Lee says, evokes "a time when young urban African-American children were motivated primarily by two things: television and sugar. 'As a filmmaker, and more importantly as a black filmmaker, I think it's important to expand the subject matter of the films we do.'"

"As a group, we've gotten into a rut, telling the same story again and again the hip-hop, drug, gangsta rap, urban, inner-city movie. I don't think that's the totality of the African-American experience and I really think that audiences are starting to want more than these movies can give them. Hopefully, this will be a start in that direction."

"Besides, ever since my first film, *She's Gotta Have It*, people have been asking me, 'Spike, when're you gonna make a movie I can take my

children to?'"

The story of *Crooklyn* was conceived by two of Lee's siblings, Joie Susannah Lee and Cinque Lee, who had earlier collaborated in developing a pilot for television. "I've always loved films that look at the world through a child's eyes—*Stand by Me*, for example, or Hector Babenco's *Piccolo*, says Joie Lee. "We felt we would offer a fresh perspective by telling a coming-of-age story from the point of view of a young black girl."

Although Joie and Cinque Lee loosely based the story on their own experience growing up in Brooklyn during the '70s, the script of *Crooklyn* gradually took on a life of its own during the development process. "It was a lot of fun to write the first draft, because we were working with a time and place that we had fond memories of," says Joie Lee.

Most of the action of *Crooklyn* takes place within a single city block in Brooklyn, New York, centered around the brownstone where the Carmichael family lives. Their father, Woody (Detroy Lindo), is an idealistic jazz musician who staunchly refuses to adapt to changing musical tastes. His wife, Carolyn (Alfre Woodard), can't decide who needs more parenting—her children or her husband. Troy (Zeldia Harris), her 10-year-old daughter, does her best to help out, while her brothers—Clinton (Carlton Williams), Wendell (Sharif Rashid), Nate (Chris Knowings) and Joseph (TaeMach Washington)—spend most of the long summer days watching television, eating junk food and getting in (and out) of trouble.

"I look back, and I see a time when kids could have a lot more fun than they have today," says director Lee. "I never had to worry about getting shot in school or in front of my house. The worst thing that could happen was that somebody might take your lunch money. Maybe you'd get a fat lip or black eye. But it was fists. Nobody was pulling an Uzi and snoring bullets."



The cast of Spike Lee's *Crooklyn* (L-R) Chris Knowings, Detroy Lindo, Sharif Rashid, Alfre Woodard, Zeldia Harris, Carlton Williams and TaeMach Washington.

Sister, Sister: one to watch

by Todd Burroughs

I don't consider myself a fan of ABC-TV's "TGIF" Friday night programming. The kid sitcoms are excessively goofy, particularly the shows that feature African Americans.

For example, Family Matters began as a real television show in the Cosby Show vein when it started a few years ago. This was until the producers decided that buffoonery was a way to increase ratings. It worked. (I get the feeling the creators of FOX-TV's *Martin* noticed this. Why is it always the black sitcom that have to revert to I Love Lucy, days while white sitcoms such as CBS-TV's *Love and War* are filled with intelligent, witty characters and dialogue?)

Hangin' With Mr. Cooper, which started out on another night as an Afrocentric "Three's Company" moved to the "TGIF" programming

block and became even sillier.

So I didn't have much faith that *Sister, Sister*, the new "TGIF" show that has, at this writing, replaced *Cooper*, was going to be any good. I'm glad I was wrong.

Sister, Sister is about identical twin sisters—played, of course, by real-life identical twins Tia and Tamara Mowry—who were separated at birth and adopted by two different parents, played by Tim Reid (remember Frank's Place, the dramedy) that was too black for CBS-TV) and Jackie Harry of NBC-TV's 227. The twins accidentally meet at age 15 and...well, you can guess the rest.

...There are two reasons I like *Sister, Sister*.
1) The characters Harry and Reid play are a bit one-dimensional Reid as a stuffy, affluent conservative and Harry as a down-home sista from the hood, but the Mowrys are portrayed as

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FRIDAY, MAY 20

NEWARK—Business Ownership For Women-Part-Time Beginnings to Full-Time Reality. 8:30-1 p.m., Rutgers University Management Education Center, 81 New St. Room 309. Designed for women who want to start a business while working full time. For more information call 201-648-9590.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

NEWARK—Business After Hours, Holiday Inn North. 4:30-7 p.m. Displays, booths, networking, refreshments, and fun. Contact Jennifer Eng at 201-242-6237.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25-26

MADISON—The Seventh Annual Conference on Corporate Communication "Communication and Change." Panels composed of corporate executives and University scholars. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lenell Hall/Harmon Lounge, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 285 Madison Ave. For a brochure or to register, call 201-593-6710 or FAX: 201-593-8510.

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Smith bills would ensure fairness in state contracting practices

TRENTON—To ensure fairness in the state's purchasing and contracting practices, the Assembly State Government Committee recently released a package of bills designed to implement recommendations of a governor's study commission.

The bills are sponsored by Assembly members Tom Smith, Speaker Garabed "Chuck" Hayatian, Steve Mikulak, Virginia "Ginny" Haines and Frank Catania.

Hayatian said the legislation is necessary if the state is serious about establishing and maintaining fair and competitive business practices with vendors.

"This package goes a long way

toward bringing fairness to a less than perfect system," said Hayatian. "If New Jersey is to ensure competitive and fair procurement practices, we must change the way the state has historically gone about its business."

The Governor's Study Commission on Discrimination in Public Works Procurement and Construction Contracts, after a four-year study, reported widespread exclusion of minority and women-owned businesses from the public contracting process, said Smith, who is the prime sponsor of all the bills in the package.

"If we are to be fair, we must remove the artificial or unnecessary

barriers which provide unfair advantage to those who have traditionally received an overwhelmingly disproportionate majority of state contracts," said Smith.

Smith's bill, A-823, would require the establishment of an Operating Oversight Agency.

Smith said the bill would provide the agency with the mandate and the power to ensure that the intent of this other legislative actions regarding women and minority businesses is systematically implemented and not subverted by bureaucratic capriciousness.

"Without the establishment of an operating oversight agency, there is no reason to believe that the situation

confronted by the report will have the necessary leadership or emphasis to address what the facts have proven to be true—a procurement and contracting state policy which condones and often implements racial and gender discriminatory practices," Smith said.

Haines, Mikulak and Catania, who co-sponsored the bills, said there must be a compilation of accurate and usable data regarding the composition of the vendors who make a profit from doing business with the state.

They emphasized that in order to ensure that the recommendations of the report happen in an efficient and effective manner, there must be an Oversight Agency, as recommended by the Commission, with real clout, to monitor and coordinate the legislated remedial action.

Hayatian and Catania are co-sponsors of bills A-1374 and A-1275, which would remove the necessity of bid, performance and payment bonding on contracts under 200,000, and establish uniformity throughout the state's procurement processes of bonding requirements for similar projects and services.

"These bills will enable small businesses to get a slice of the pie that has for so long been held out of their reach," said Hayatian. "The requirement of these bonds is often the prohibitive cost factor for a small firm—a factor that means the difference between trying to get state work and deciding it just isn't worth the expense and effort."

Another Catania bill, A-1575, would require all state government entities to keep uniform and accurate records of the completion of their procurement activities and use the actual dollar amount of payments to contractors and subcontractors as the primary unit of measurement when recording these transactions.

"This would reduce the inequitable practice of including minority subcontractors in a prime contract project list, and making unrecorded, non-minority contractors substitutions at a later date," said Catania.

A-1411, sponsored by Smith and Assemblywoman Haines, would mandate prompt payment of bills by the state to prime contractors and of primes to subcontractors, with penalties.

ties attached for non-compliance at the prime contractor to sub-contractor level.

"This bill addresses a major problem that small business have with doing business with the state, and often with prime contractors for whom they work on state contracts," said Haines.

"Small businesses traditionally work with limited reserve capital and often are severely impacted if their earned, anticipated revenues are not received on time. This legislation is a long-needed effort to create that situation and do what is currently called the right thing," the Assemblywoman said.

The Smith-Mikulak bill, A-1413, would mandate that those firms who register as Minority and Women Business Enterprises be randomly monitored for compliance with the criteria needed for certification and provides that severe penalties be imposed for false statements during the registration process.

"The state should conduct random sampling of the registry list to ensure against 'fronting,' that is, false registry of businesses which are not in fact minority or woman-owned," said Mikulak.

Another measure, A-1624, sponsored by Smith, would require bonding and surety companies and financial institutions to keep records and file periodic reports of their commercial transactions that involve women and minority businesses.

"Surety bonding is another barrier to minority and women businesses," said Smith. "Small contractors, whether minority or non-minority, experience substantial problems in obtaining surety bonds."

Findings of discrimination in this area are limited due to the lack of statistical evidence, the Assemblywoman said.

"The reason for this evidentiary gap is the total lack of any record keeping requirements in the surety bonding industry concerning the granting or refusal of bonds to minority and women businesses," said Smith. The bills were released from committee and have been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee for further review.

BUSINESS EXCHANGE

Living' for the cities

by William Reed

It should come as no surprise that the majority of blacks in America now live in urban areas. Over 60 percent of the African American population is "Livin' in the cities." Therefore, it stands to reason, doesn't it, that the best places for black business opportunities are in the cities? New York City is still the largest urban center, it has over 2 million black residents, but they comprise less than five percent of that city's business community.

Blacks are not the only ones concentrated in places of concrete and clay. Nearly 80 percent of the nation's population now lives in metropolitan areas. These are the places where the economic production, hence the jobs, are located. As we move toward the 20th century, look at the

areas most advanced in information-based technology and you'll see the areas of most population, and economic, growth. The fastest growing metropolitan area in the United States since 1990 has been Las Vegas, Nevada, which grew by 14 percent between April 1990 and July 1992. It has 13 percent black presence. Six of the fastest growing ghetto areas in the early 1990s are in the West and four in the South. The cities of fastest growth in the '90s, such as Anchorage, AK; Laredo, TX and Naples, FL, have small African American presence.

If you are looking to an audience with enough money to buy your goods or services, check out Washington D.C. which, with an annual individual income level of over \$28,000, has the nation's highest per capita income. "Chocolate City's" economic success is based

around government salaries, an annual tourism income of over \$4 billion and one of the nation's leading high-tech corridors. Washington is followed in per capita wealth by the states of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Maryland.

The Los Angeles metro area, which has a 15 percent black concentration, added half a million persons from 1990 to 1992, far more than any metropolitan area grew after the 1990 census. Los Angeles is followed by Houston (231,000 with a 30 percent concentration of blacks); Washington Baltimore (193,000 with 60 percent concentration of blacks) and Atlanta (183,000 with a 60 percent concentration of blacks). In all, 14 metropolitan areas grew by 100,000 or more in the period.

While the "over 35" generation of blacks seems to be dead-set on having the government as their economic production engine, Los Angeles represents the best example of the declining political power of blacks and shows our luxury in competitive business development, as well. Hispanics now represent 40 percent of L.A.'s residents, have a large and growing number of its business owners and despite Tom Brady's 20 years in office, exceed blacks in political clout. The U.S. Census Bureau predicts that by 2020 Hispanics will replace blacks as the country's largest minority group. In the next 30 years, when one of every four job seekers will be either a minority or female, Whites will comprise 78 percent of the population, Hispanics 9.7 percent, African Americans 13 percent, and Asians 7 percent.

According to Black Enterprise magazine, the "Six Hot Business Cities for African Americans," are Cleveland, Seattle, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Denver and Rochester, New York. The business-service publication says that these cities are now home to corporations poised to dominate the high-tech, information-driven industries of the 21st century. These cities, ironically, are all led by black Mayors and they are orchestrating the growth and expansion of the nation's new "knowledge" centers. Denver Mayor Wellington Webb says, "We have the same problems as any other city. The difference is, our citizens still believe we can deal with them before they become unmanageable."

McDonald's opens in Elizabeth



ELIZABETH—Mayor J. Christian Bollwege of the City of Elizabeth joined McDonald's owner/operators William and Peggy McCoy and City Councilman Charles Harris in the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of McDonald's, at 819-835 North Avenue in Elizabeth. The opening was flanked by members from the Elizabeth business community, McDonald's representatives, family and friends. In celebration of the restaurant's opening, the McCoy's donated \$500 to The Elizabeth Presbyterian Church, kicked-off two weeks of activities with a WBLS Radio Van visit, still walkers, Mime Art, Brazilian Guitarist and the Crystal Gospel Singers. On Mother's Day, carnations were given to mothers at breakfast time.

Black Expo come to the Apple

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Association, Colgate-Palmolive will offer free dental screenings for children along with listings of member dentists for follow up.

Former baseball Player Gene Benson, a Legend from the Negro Baseball League, will make a special appearance to sign autographs. Benson was a former player for the Philadelphia Stars, Negro League paraphernalia will also be available for purchase.

Other events include screenings for bone marrow transplants. These transplants must occur within the same ethnic group. As a result of these on-site screenings thousands of names have been added to assist African American patients in need of finding compatible life saving bone marrow.

Throughout the weekend there will be complimentary seminars and live entertainment. Performances will include EMI recording artists RUFF, Polygram recording artists LaDay, EMI recording artist Eric Gable and Trans-Sonic Music jazz recording artist Tim Cunningham.

Seminars topics include "You're Not Too Young To Be The Boss," "People of Color in the Bible," "Black and Single: Choosing a Partner," and "Making Money in the '90s."

Since 1983 the when first Expo was held—attracting close to 40,000 African Americans in New York City—Black businesses have been showcasing their products and services to potential customers via Black Expo USA across the country.

This year several entrepreneurs will reap the benefits of forming a national alliance with Black Expo USA. For the first time the Edgar Morris skin care company, responsible for some of the most celebrated faces in show business including Stephanie Mills, Lynn Whitfield, Dionne Warwick and Marla Gibbs will tour with BLACK EXPO USA.

Admission to the EXPO on Monday and Friday is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

Hooray for Sister Sister

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attractive, intelligent teenagers. Black children on television who are not buffoons. Hooray.

2) The show is produced by an African-American woman Suzanne de Passe, the sister who discovered "The Jackson 5" for Motown and produced the first Lonesome Dove miniseries, is on the throne, behind the scenes (see what happens when blacks are in control of their media product?)

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is soliciting bids for the replacement of Entrance Door Locks at Vista Village, located at 870 South Burnett Street, East Orange, New Jersey, until 11:00 am prevailing time on May 27, 1994 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A pre-bid conference will be conducted at 10:30 am, on May 17, 1994 at the office of the Authority located at 160 Haled Street, East Orange, New Jersey.

Copies of Contract Documents, including information for Bidders, Bidding Forms, and Copies of Services may be obtained at the Housing Authority office, 160 Haled Street East Orange, New Jersey 07018.

A refundable deposit of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) payable by certified check or money order made payable to the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is required for bidding documents. For unsuccessful bidders, deposit will be refunded upon the return of such amount within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

Bids must be submitted to the office of the Authority located at 160 Haled Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018, prior to the designated time, and may be submitted either by mail or in person, by the Bidder or his agent. Bids must be presented in the form prescribed by the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange. No bid will be accepted after the designated time.

Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelope bearing the name of the Bidder and marked "BID FOR LOCK REPLACEMENT AT VISTA VILLAGE, NJ 90-3."

Each Bidder shall be required to submit with his/her bid a certified check or bond payable to the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange, US Government Bonds at par Value or a satisfactory Bid bond executed by the Bidder and acceptable sureties in an amount not less than ten (10%) percent of the bid. Bid Bond must be accompanied by a consent of surety.

The successful Bidder shall also be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the full amount of each bid. The surety company for all bonds must be a guaranty or surety company acceptable to the US Department of Treasury. Individual sureties will not be considered. The surety company must also be licensed to business in the State of New Jersey.

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding process and award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder in the Authority's best interest.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without written consent of the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange.

Bidders are advised that compliance with Prevailing Wage Rates, and Equal Employment regulation is required.

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HARRY B. JACKSON,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
PURCHASE OF RIDING SWEeper

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is soliciting bids for purchase of one riding sweeper. The bids shall be accepted until 10:30 a.m. prevailing time on May 26, 1994, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of information for Bidders, Bidding Forms, and Specifications may be obtained at the Housing Authority Office, 160 Haled Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018.

Bids must be submitted to the office of the Authority located at 160 Haled Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018, prior to the designated time, and may be submitted either by mail or in person, by the Bidder or his agent. Bids must be presented in the form prescribed by the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange. No bid will be accepted after the designated time.

Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the Bidder and marked "RIDING SWEeper."

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding process and award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder in the Authority's best interest.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without written consent of the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange.

Bidders are advised that compliance with Prevailing Wage Rates, and Equal Employment regulation is required.

5/1/94 HARRY B. JACKSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Public Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for REFUSE COLLECTION shall be received by the Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch, located at the Garfield Court Administration Building, Long Branch, N.J. 07740 on:

June 22, 1994, at 11:00 A.M.

The bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud at the above mentioned location and time. Specifications may be obtained from and bids shall be delivered or mailed to:

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - GARFIELD COURT
P.O. BOX 336
LONG BRANCH, NJ 07740
(908) 222-3747

All bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 127 (Public Statutes Affirmative Action Statute), and with any and all Federal and New Jersey Statutes not specified or referenced herein.

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informalities and award a contract as may be determined in the best interest of the Authority.

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The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick, New Jersey will receive sealed bids for the construction of a security fence at The Robeson Village NJ 22-1 and Schwartz Homes, NJ 22-2. The bid opening will be held on Friday, May 20, 1994 at 11:30 a.m. The bids will be opened in the Conference Room in the Administrative Office at 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901. (No late bids will be accepted.)

Bidding Documents including Specification may be obtained by contacting David L. Williams, Jr., Executive Director at The Administrative Office, 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the bidder and marked "Security Fence Robeson Village/Schwartz Homes, NJ 22-1, NJ 22-2."

The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid without the written consent of The New Brunswick Housing Authority.

5/1/94 DAVID L. WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BERKELEY TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Housing Authority of the Township of Berkeley, New Jersey is requesting proposals for Lead Paint Testing for their 45 unit site at Magnolia Gardens.

All Proposals must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. May 15, 1994.

Proposal requirements, criteria for award of contract and additional information regarding the scope of services and submission of proposals may be obtained by contacting the administrative office of the Berkeley Township Housing Authority Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., telephone (908) 269-2312, or by writing or visiting the Authority's offices located at 44 Frederick Drive, Bayville, New Jersey 08721.

5/1/94 RICHARD C. AIELLO, PH.D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem is hereby accepting proposals for an independent audit for the year ended September 30, 1993. If interested, please submit a proposal by Friday, May 13, 1994 by 11:00 a.m. to the Housing Authority of the City of Salem, Attn: Ruth O. Gross, Executive Director, 205 Seventh Street, Salem, NJ 08075. Any questions, please call (609) 853-5222.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. 8-1, Garfield Court
The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch

Garfield Court Administration Building
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Sealed Bids from Licensed Firms for Asbestos Abatement in the Boiler Room of Building No. 11 at Garfield Court for the Long Branch Housing Authority in the City of Long Branch, New Jersey.

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch shall receive sealed bids by Friday, June 10, 1994 at the Garfield Court Administration Offices of the Housing Authority until 11:00 AM. At 11:00 AM, the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for acceptance and opening of bids, and may be submitted either by mail or in person, by the Bidder or his Agent.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without written consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch.

Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Bidder and clearly marked "ABESTOS ABATEMENT - GARFIELD COURT."

A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Administrative Office of the Housing Authority, Garfield Court, Long Branch, NJ on Wednesday, June 1, 1994 at 10:00 AM, followed by a review of the Bidder's Request for Proposal. Attendance at this meeting is not a mandatory requirement, but is recommended.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance/Payment Bond and other Contract Documents are available for purchase at the Administrative Office of the Housing Authority at the Office of Don Toot Associates, Construction Managers, 1800 Chapel Avenue West, Suite 310, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00.

The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding or to reject any or all bids if deemed in the best interest of the Authority.

5/18/94 DAVID A. BROWN, PH.D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called the Authority) will receive sealed bids for Boiler Replacement.

The Bid Opening will be held at: 12:00 noon (prevailing time) on Friday, June 3, 1994 in the Board Room of the Authority, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey. NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

A voluntary pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. in the court room of the Administration Office located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Bidding documents, including specification, may be obtained at the Administration Office, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 in the Purchasing Department or at the Pre-Bid Conference. A non-refundable check of \$25.00 (in check form) will be required to obtain plans and specifications.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Bids will be awarded only to the corporation or other entity under whose name qualifications, pre-qualifications (where provided for by the Authority and applicable) bonding documentation and other documentation are submitted. Corporate affiliates, subsidiary or parent corporation or related entities are not automatically qualified.

Firms desiring to submit their bids via the "United States" mail are required to have said mail delivered prior to appointed bid opening time. Proper consideration must be given to allow for weekends and holidays.

The Authority will accept original and originally executed sealed bidding documents (including but not limited to the Bid, Affidavits, Qualification Questionnaire, Statement of Ownership, Compliance, Bid Bond, Consent of Surety, Certificate as to Corporate Principle, HUD Directive, and Affirmative Action).

Photocopies and/or telex/copies of such documents will not be accepted in lieu of originals.

All bidders will be required to submit a certified or cashier check to the order of the Authority for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or a bid bond for a like sum executed by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey.

An appropriate surety's consent to a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey and on the approved bid binding itself to become Surety for the full and faithful performance of the contract in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract for the completion of all personnel, materials and labor for fulfilling the contract is also required in all cases. A consent of surety must be submitted with either type of security (5% of bid amount) including a certified or cashier's check and/or bid bond.

Bid bond, Consent of Surety, Performance and Payment Bonds must be obtained from Bid Bonds/Surety Companies listed on the Federal Register "Department of the Treasury" Circular 570. The register will be provided with the bid documents.

All bids and security must be enclosed in properly sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the title of the bid contained therein.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bonds in an amount equal to one hundred (100%) of the contract price.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the written consent of the Authority.

5/18/94 G.M. RUSSANO, PURCHASING AGENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (herein after called the Authority) is inviting professional consulting firms to prepare a proposal for the preparation of a Public Housing Drug Elimination Grant application for the Authority for fiscal year 1994. Proposals will be opened at 12:00 noon (prevailing time) on Tuesday, May 31, 1994 in the Conference Room of the Administration Office located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055. NO LATE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Interested firms may obtain specifications at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, NJ 07055 or by contacting G.M. Russo at (201) 365-6347.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities. No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days without written consent of the Authority.

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